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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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SURVEILLANCE MECHANISM TO CHECK VIRAL DISEASE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop an efficient surveillance mechanism in order to check emerging viral diseases in the country every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d): A National Community-based disease Surveillance Programme for Communicable Diseases has been launched on pilot basis in 45 districts of the country. It is proposed to expand this programme to cover the entire country eventually. The programme aims at detection of early warning signals of outbreaks and rapid response for prevention and control of these outbreaks and diseases. The programme strategies are:

- Training;
- Modernization and upgradation of laboratories and office;
- Strengthening of linkages for disease surveillance from peripheral to central levels;
- Networking the State/Regional and National Institutions;
- Information, Education and Communication activities;
- Electronic means of communications and data processing.